

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

26-204.

(a) A person shall comply with the notice to appear contained in a traffic citation issued to the person under this subtitle.

(b) For purposes of this section, the person may comply with the notice to appear by:

- (1) Appearance in person;
- (2) Appearance by counsel; or
- (3) Payment of the fine, if provided for in the citation.

(c) If a person fails to comply with the notice to appear, the District Court may:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, issue a warrant for the person's arrest; or

(2) After 5 days, notify the Administration of the person's noncompliance.

(d) On receipt of a notice of noncompliance from the District Court, the Administration shall notify the person that the person's driving privileges shall be suspended unless, by the end of the 15th day after the date on which the notice is mailed, the person:

(1) Pays the fine on the original charge as provided for in the original citations; or

(2) Posts bond or a penalty deposit and requests a new trial date.

(e) If a person fails to pay the fine or post the bond or penalty deposit under subsection (d) of this section, the Administration may suspend the driving privileges of the person.

(f) [If] WHEN THE OFFENSE IS NOT PUNISHABLE BY INCARCERATION, IF the court notifies the Administration of the person's noncompliance under subsection (c) of this section, a warrant may not be issued for the person under this section until 20 days after the original trial date.